

1-1 By: Davis, Rodriguez, Van de Putte S.B. No. 260
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 25, 2013; January 29, 2013,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs and
1-4 Military Installations; April 8, 2013, reported adversely, with
1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5,
1-6 Nays 0; April 8, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Van de Putte	X		
1-10	Birdwell	X		
1-11	Campbell	X		
1-12	Davis	X		
1-13	Rodriguez	X		

1-14 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 260 By: Van de Putte

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the absence of a student from school to visit with a
1-18 parent or guardian who will be or has been deployed on military
1-19 duty.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Section 25.087, Education Code, is amended by
1-22 adding Subsection (b-4) and amending Subsection (d) to read as
1-23 follows:

1-24 (b-4) A school district shall excuse a student whose parent
1-25 or legal guardian is an active duty member of the uniformed services
1-26 as defined by Section 162.002 and has been called to duty for, is on
1-27 leave from, or immediately returned from continuous deployment of
1-28 at least four months outside the locality where the parent or
1-29 guardian regularly resides, to visit with the student's parent or
1-30 guardian. A school district may not excuse a student under this
1-31 subsection more than five days in a school year. An excused absence
1-32 under this subsection must be taken:

1-33 (1) not earlier than the 60th day before the date of
1-34 deployment; or

1-35 (2) not later than the 30th day after the date of
1-36 return from deployment.

1-37 (d) A student whose absence is excused under Subsection (b),
1-38 (b-2), (b-4), or (c) may not be penalized for that absence and shall
1-39 be counted as if the student attended school for purposes of
1-40 calculating the average daily attendance of students in the school
1-41 district. A student whose absence is excused under Subsection (b),
1-42 (b-2), (b-4), or (c) shall be allowed a reasonable time to make up
1-43 school work missed on those days. If the student satisfactorily
1-44 completes the school work, the day of absence shall be counted as a
1-45 day of compulsory attendance.

1-46 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-47 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-48 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-49 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-50 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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